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1. MISSION OFFICER WAS VISITED SEPTEMBER 28 BY REPRESENTATIVES OF ROSENBALM AVIATION INCORPORATED, BEYER AND BROWN. THEY DESCRIBED THEIR INTENTION TO MEET SEPTEMBER 29 WITH BERLINER FLUG RING (BFR) TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF ROSENBALM CONTRACT PROPOSAL FOR 1978 SUMMER SCHEDULE. BEYER STRESSED THAT ROSENBALM INTENDED, IF IT WON THE CONTRACT, TO OPERATE A QUALITY OPERATION. THIS WOULD INVOLVE AN INVESTMENT OF AT LEAST \$1/4 MILLION TO INSURE THAT THE BERLIN BASE HAD ADEQUATE SPARES, AND AIRCRAFT WHICH WERE NOT AT THE END OF CONFIDENTIAL

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THEIR USEFUL LIFE. HE EXPECTS THAT ROSENBALM WOULD USE DC-8'S PRESENTLY CONFIGURED WITH 183 SEATS, BUT WHICH COULD BE REDUCED TO 165. BEYER BELIEVES THAT THE SUMMER PROGRAM COULD BE OPERATED WITH TWO AIRCRAFT AND A WINTER PROGRAM WITH ONE.

2. BEYER RAISED THE POSSIBILITY THAT AEROAMERICA PRESIDENT

WOULD PULL HIS AIRCRAFT OUT OF BERLIN IMMEDIATELY ON LEARNING OF BFR'S DECISION NOT TO ACCEPT AEROAMERICA FOR SUMMER CONTRACT, THEREBY LEAVING BFR WITHOUT A CARRIER TO FILL A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF ITS WINTER PROGRAM. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD BFR WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THIS, BUT ROSENBALM WOULD NOT BE IN A POSITION TO IMMEDIATELY FILL THE GAP. HIS COMPANY WOULD NOT WANT TO MAKE A SIZABLE INVESTMENT UNTIL IT WAS SURE IT WOULD BE ABLE TO OPERATE IN BERLIN. BEYER EXPECTS IT WOULD TAKE AT LEAST 45 DAYS TO START UP A BERLIN OPERATION.

- 3. AT BROWN'S REQUEST, MISSION OFFICER FURNISHED INFORMATION CONCERNING SCHOOLING FOR AMERICAN CHILDREN IN BERLIN, COSTS OF HOUSING, AND OTHER DETAILS ABOUT LIFE IN BERLIN.
- 4. BROWN DESCRIBED SUB-CHARTER OPERATION THAT ROSENBALM HAS BEEN OPERATING ON BEHALF OF PAKISTANI INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES FROM KARACHI. ACCORDING TO BROWN, PIA RECENTLY SUFFERED MAJOR DAMAGE TO ONE OF ITS WIDE-BODIED JETS. PIA CONTRACTED WITH ROSENBALM TO FILL THE GAP WITH TWO DC-8'S. THESE WERE TO ORIGINALLY OPERATE FOR A BRIEF PERIOD, BUT PIA WAS SO HAPPY WITH THE OPERATION THAT IT HAS EXTENDED THE CONTRACT.
- 5. FOR ISLAMABAD: BERLIN'S AIR SERVICES ARE FURNISHED SOLELY BY FLAG CARRIERS OF THE U.S., UK AND FRANCE. THE QUALITY OF THESE SERVICES IS IMPORTANT TO THE VIABILITY OF CONFIDENTIAL

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THE CITY. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU COULD DEVELOP ON ROSENBALM'S PERFORMANCE FOR PIA.

- 6. REF C NOTED THAT AS OF A YEAR AGO ROSENBALM HAD HAD NO PASSENGER EXPERIENCE. HOWEVER, THE PAKISTAN OPERATION HAS PROVIDED THIS NEW DIMENSION.
- 7. BEYER SAID HE WOULD CONTACT U.S. CAA IN BONN FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF DISCUSSIONS WITH BFR.
- 8. NOTE: ROSENBALM IS CORRECT SPELLING, NOT REPEAT NOT ROSENBAUM. GEORGE

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